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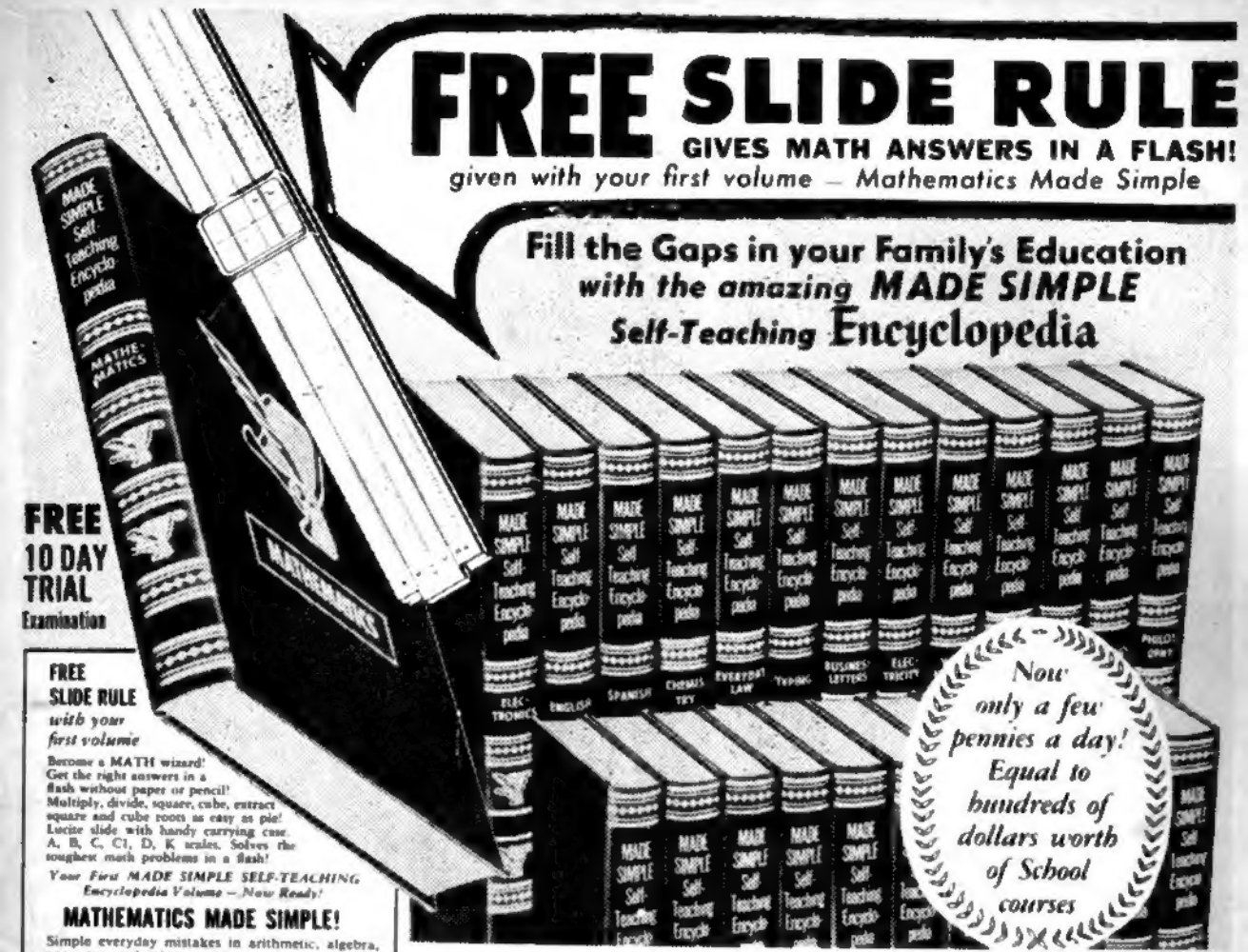

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IN WORLD WAR II, LT. HAPPY HAWKINS FLEW A P-38 AGAINST THE JAPS AND HE MADE THAT TWIN-ENGINE FIGHTER DO TRICKS THEY NEVER DREAMED OF BACK AT THE LOCKHEED PLANT WHERE IT WAS BUILT/ HE LOVED FLYING A FIGHTER IN COMBAT...

WHAM!

HAPPY GOT TWO MORE ZEROS/

BUDDA BUDDA!

VROOOM!

THAT'S IT, LITTLE BROTHER... GET THE CANOPY OPEN AND BAIL OUT/ THIS WAR'S ABOUT OVER...NO SENSE IN DYING NOW IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO/

IT ENDED WITH HAWKINS WEARING CAPTAIN'S BARS AND COMING BACK TO ALBANY, N.Y., KIND OF SORRY IT WAS ENDED/

OH, HAPPY, WE'RE ALL SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE HOME/

SO AM I, SUGAR-PUSS/ WE'RE GONNA SET THE DATE, HAVE A HONEY-MOON FOR SIX MONTHS OR SO...

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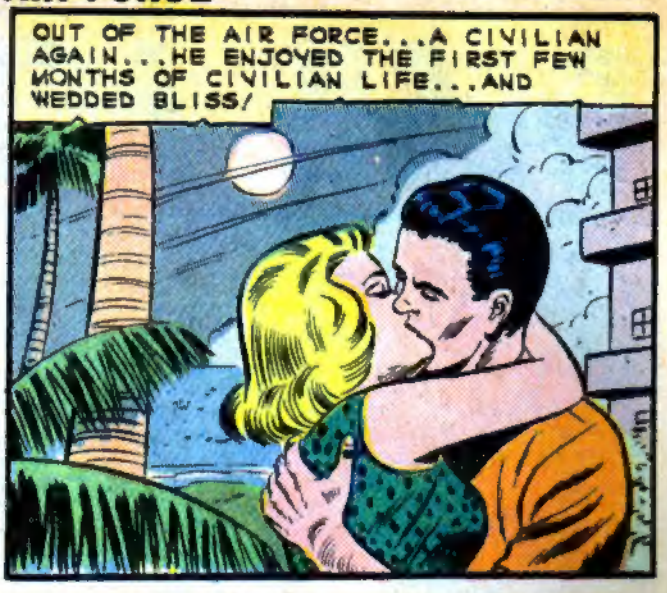


WITH SOME SURPLUS C-46 TWIN-ENGINE DOUGLASES, HAPPY HAWKINS AND HIS BUDDY FLEW THEIR CARGOES AROUND SOUTH AMERICA/ COMPETITION WAS KEEN AT FIRST AND THEN IT GOT CUT-THROAT/

I KNOW THAT AIRCRAFT AND I SAY IT CAN'T BE DONE/ I'M NOT GOING TO TRY IT AND YOU'RE A FOOL IF YOU DO/
OKAY, HAP/ WE'LL LET THIS CONTRACT GO/ I NEVER LIKED THIS CREEP ANYHOW/

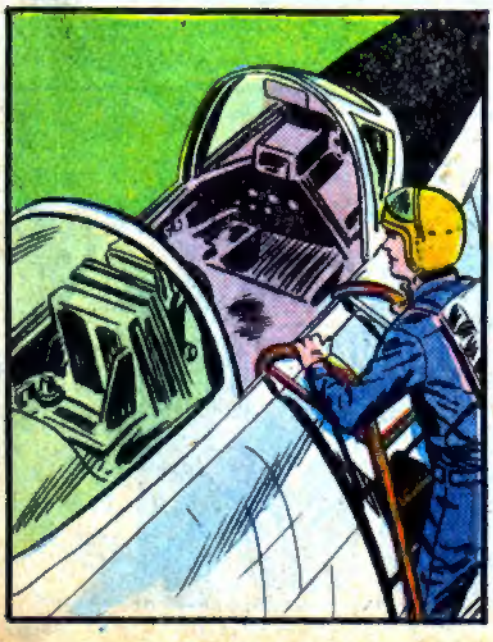
THEY HAD TO WAIT OVER WHILE A PART WAS BEING REPAIRED ANYHOW...SO THEY WERE PRESENT WHEN A C-46 FLOWN BY A COMPETITOR TOOK THE LOAD THEY HAD REFUSED TO CARRY/
MORGAN DIDN'T MAKE IT/ COME ON/
34172
KRASH!

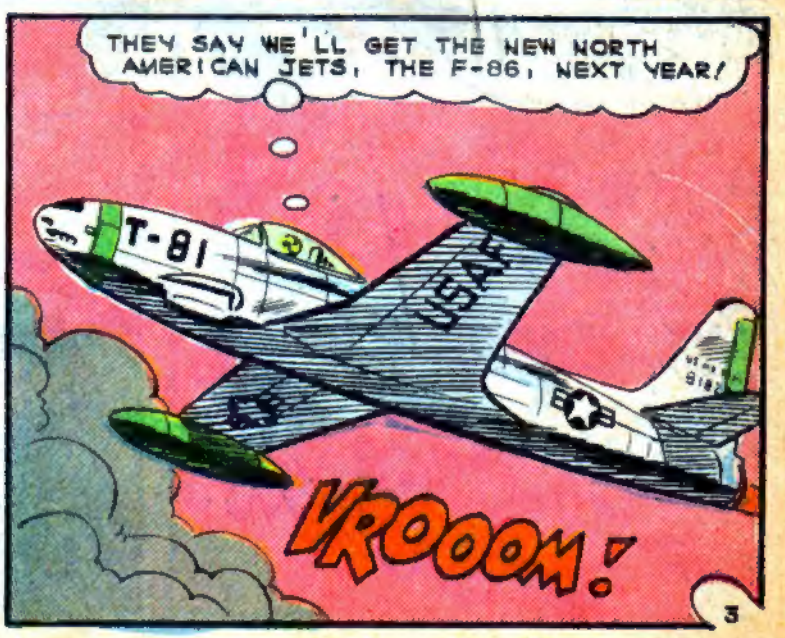
IT WAS A ROUGH, HAND-TO-MOUTH EXISTENCE, WITH NO SECURITY FOR THEMSELVES OR THEIR GROWING FAMILIES/ AT SANTIAGO WHERE HE HAD A JOB FLYING ENGINEERS INTO THE HIGH ANDES, HE RAN INTO AN OLD PACIFIC BUDDY... MAJOR ROSS WILLIAMS/
ROSS/ DOGGONE, WHEN'D YOU MAKE MAJOR?
NEVER MIND THAT/ I'M SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU/
71 431

YOU'VE READ ABOUT OUR NEW JET FIGHTERS, HAPPY/ HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TRY TO GET BACK INTO THE AIR FORCE? YOU LOVE FLYING AND YOU'LL ONLY DIE YOUNG FLYING THESE CLUNKERS/ THE AIR FORCE IS TAKING WORLD WAR TWO HOT-ROCKS BACK IN WITH THEIR OLD RANK/
YOU KNOW, YOU CAUGHT ME JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME, ROSS/

YOU WASTE TOO MUCH TIME, SENOR/ TO WORK FOR ME, YOU MUS'...
DROP DEAD, FATSO/ I DON'T WORK FOR YOU ANY MORE/

THAT WAS 1949 WHEN HAPPY HAWKINS BECAME A CAPTAIN IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE AGAIN/ HE KNEW THIS WAS THE LIFE FOR HIM THEN...
OH, DARLING, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU/
VROOOM!




THEY SAY WE'LL GET THE NEW NORTH AMERICAN JETS, THE F-86, NEXT YEAR/
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VROOOM!

AS A JET JOCKEY, CAPT. HAWKINS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST AIR FORCE PILOTS TO REACH KOREA... IN AN F-80 LOCKHEED SQUADRON. AT FIRST PRETTY MUCH OUTCLASSED BY THE MIGS UP IN MIG ALLEY!

BUDDA! BUDDA!

T-171

VROOOM!

BUDDA! BUDDA!

VROOM!

WHAM!

VROOOM!

THEN, HAPPY HAWKINS BECAME A FLIGHT LEADER... IN NO TIME HE GOT HIS MAJOR'S LEAVES AND HE LED A SQUADRON...

MIGS AT TWO O'CLOCK HIGH!

T-12

VROOOM!

HAWKINS GOT HIS NINETEENTH MIG ALREADY!

BUDDA! BUDDA!

BAM!

HE WAS REALLY HAPPY AGAIN LEAVING HIS SHIP AT THE BASE! AND THAT'S WHEN THE COLONEL TOOK THE SMILES OUT OF HIS LIFE...

SORRY TO DO THIS, HAPPY... BUT I'M MAKING YOU FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICER AS OF RIGHT NOW! YOU'LL FLY A DESK FROM NOW ON!

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE, COLONEL!

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AT YOUR NEWSSTAND!

AS FLIGHT OPS OFFICER, MAJOR HAWKINS HAD TO SEND THE OTHERS OUT...HE HAD TO SEE THEM COME BACK TIRED BUT FULFILLED... AND KNOW THAT OTHERS, MEN WHO WERE HIS FRIENDS WOULD NEVER RETURN/ HAPPY HAWKINS DIDN'T SMILE MUCH ANY MORE/

YOU MEN HAVE BEEN BREAKING FORMATION TOO QUICKLY/ ANOTHER THING, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO OPERATE IN PAIRS BUT YOU OFTEN LEAVE EACH OTHER TO CHASE AFTER AN EASY KILL/ I WANT THAT STOPPED/

THE COMMIES HAVE ONE KOOK WHO OPERATES ALONE, MAJOR/ HE'S THE GUY WHO'S NAILING OUR STRAYS/ IF WE GOT HIM, OUR LOSSES WOULD DROP SHARPLY/

T-15

THEY TOOK OFF... AND THE INSTANT THEY WERE AIRBORNE MAJOR HAWKINS WENT TO A SPARE JET PARKED ON THE LINE/ HE'D SCHEDULED A CHECK FLIGHT ON THAT PLANE LATER/

YESSIR, THE GUNS ARE LOADED AND YOU RE ALL SET, MAJOR, BUT I...

NEVER MIND/

HE ROCKETED THAT JET STRAIGHT UP TOWARD MIG ALLEY/ ALONE...A TEMPTING MORSEL FOR THE KOOK WHO LOOKED FOR AMERICAN STRAYS/ THE COMMIE KILLER SPOTTED HIM...

HE'S ENTERING MY CONE OF FIRE NOW... GOT HIM/

BUDDA! BUDDA!

VROOOM!

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VROOOM!

LATER...

WELL DONE, MAJOR/ I WAS HOPING YOU'D INITIATE ACTION AGAINST THE COMMIE/ YOU CAN STILL FLY A MISSION OCCASIONALLY WHEN YOU THINK ITS NECESSARY/

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO HEAR, SIR/ NOW, I'M HAPPY AGAIN/

END

BUSH LEAGUE WARRIOR

I COULDN'T HELP FEELING THE WAY I DID WHEN I SAW THE P-38 PILOTS COME THUNDERING ACROSS THE FIELD AT 400 MPH...OR VISITED A CARRIER AND OBSERVED THE THUNDERING FIGHTERS TAKING OFF WITH TORPEDO BOMBERS AND DIVE BOMBERS SCREAMING AWAY WITH THEIR LETHAL LOADS/ I TOO WAS A PILOT...FLYING A LIGHTPLANE, USUALLY NOT EVEN FROM AN AIRFIELD...I OFTEN TOOK OFF FROM AN OPEN PATCH OF SAND IN THE JUNGLE/

DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO LAND IN THIS CLEARING, SERGEANT/ NICE FLYING...NOW...CAN YOU SPOT THE JAP TROOPS IN THIS JUNGLE?

IF I FLY LOW ENOUGH AND SLOW ENOUGH, CAPTAIN/

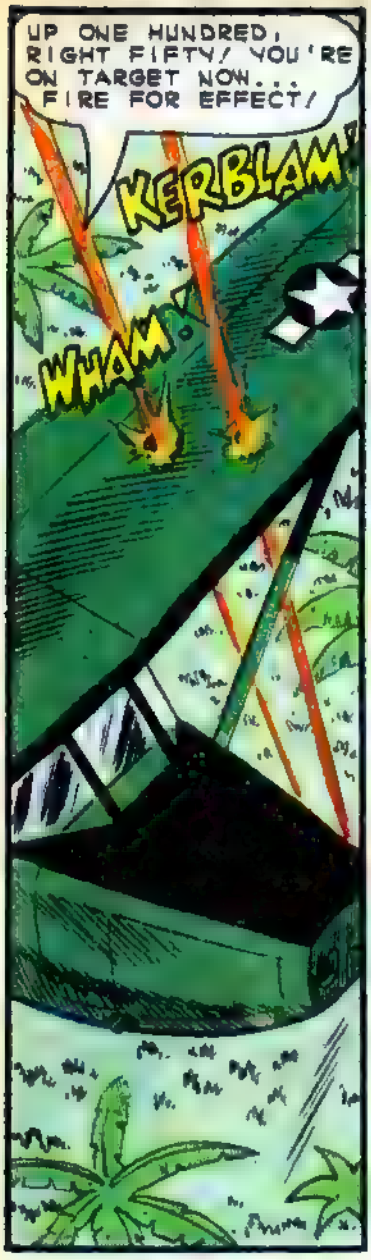
I SURE HATE TO GET THIS AIR-PLANE SHOT FULL OF HOLES/ I JUST GOT IT FOUR DAYS BACK TO REPLACE THE ONE I HAD/

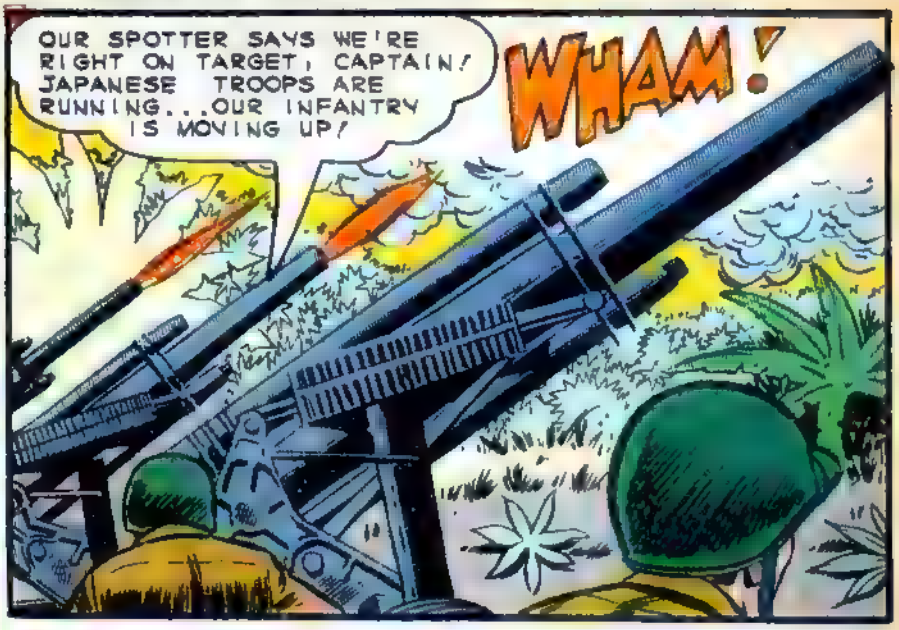
I GOT A COUPLE G.I.S WITH THE SAME COMPLAINT, WE **ALL** GOT IT ROUGH OUT HERE, SERGEANT/

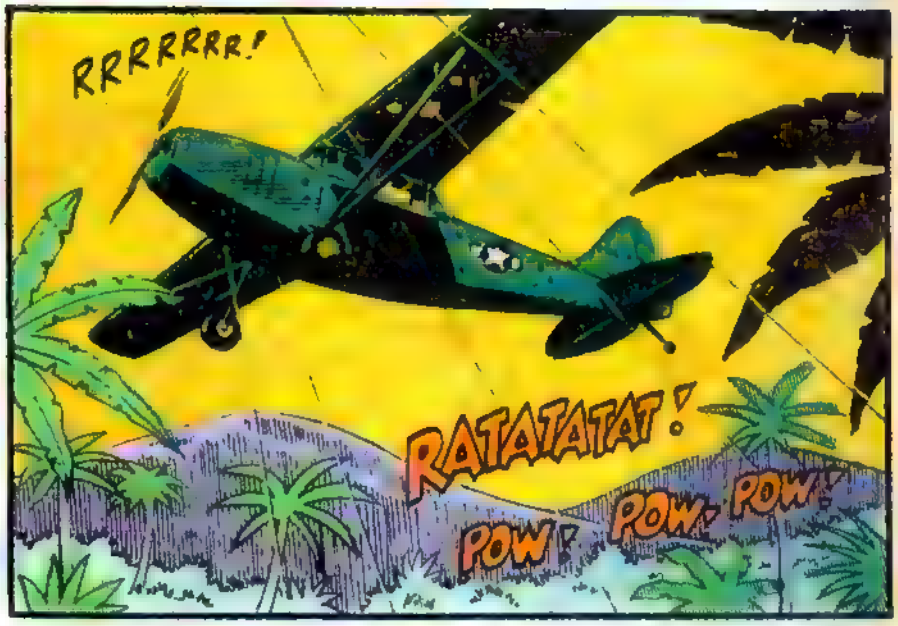
THE CAPTAIN SHOWED ME THE PLACE WHERE TO LOOK FOR THE JAPS/ I HAD BAT-TALION AND DIVI-SION ARTILLERY ON THE RADIO NET... SO I GAVE THEM WORD AS I FLOATED LOW AND SLOW JUST ABOVE THE TREES/

THEIR COMMAND POST IS RIGHT BELOW ME, M1 3 B7, START FIRING, I'LL CORRECT FOR YOU/

POW! POW!


UP ONE HUNDRED, RIGHT FIFTY! YOU'RE ON TARGET NOW... FIRE FOR EFFECT!
KERBLAM!
WHAM!


OUR SPOTTER SAYS WE'RE RIGHT ON TARGET, CAPTAIN! JAPANESE TROOPS ARE RUNNING...OUR INFANTRY IS MOVING UP!
WHAM!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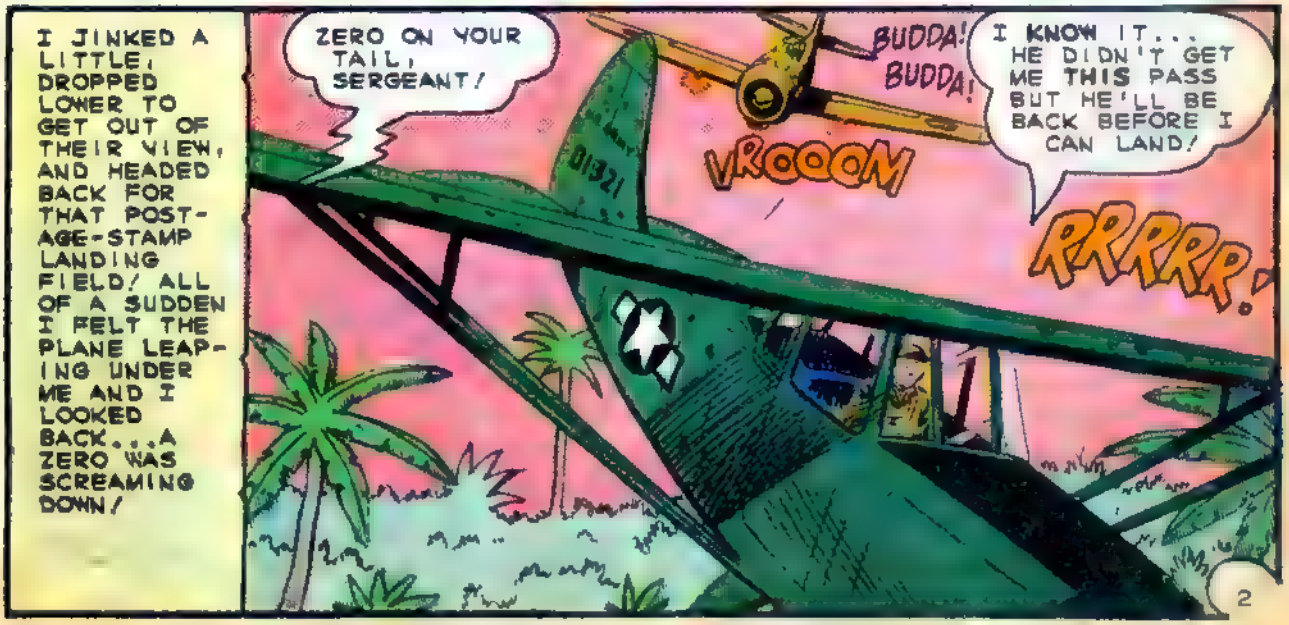
POW!
POW! POW!


I JINKED A LITTLE, DROPPED LOWER TO GET OUT OF THEIR VIEW, AND HEADED BACK FOR THAT POST-AGE-STAMP LANDING FIELD! ALL OF A SUDDEN I FELT THE PLANE LEAPING UNDER ME AND I LOOKED BACK...A ZERO WAS SCREAMING DOWN!
ZERO ON YOUR TAIL, SERGEANT!
BUDDA! BUDDA!
VROOOM
I KNOW IT... HE DIDN'T GET ME THIS PASS BUT HE'LL BE BACK BEFORE I CAN LAND!
RRRRR!

ON THE GROUND, AN INFANTRY CAPTAIN SNAPPED A FEW FAST ORDERS AND THEN GAVE ME THE WORD/
FLY DIRECTLY OVER US, SERGEANT/ YOU HEAR ME? RIGHT OVER US...WE'VE GOT ENOUGH FIRE-POWER READY TO BLAST A DOZEN JAPS OUTA THE SKY/
RRRRR!
I GOT THE PICTURE/ ALSO, I FLASHED THE WORD TO THE 155MM BATTERY...THEY HAD PROXIMITY FUSED SHELLS FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT...AND IF THE GROUND-POUNDERS MISSED THE JAP, MAYBE THE ARTILLERY WOULDN'T/
HERE WE COME/ HE'S GONNA BE RIGHT ON MY TAIL WHEN I PASS BY/
HE WON'T STAY ON YOUR TAIL, BUDDY/
RRRRR!
VROOOM!
ON THE GROUND, THEY HAD THE .50 CAL M.G.S, THE THIRTIES, THE M1'S, AND THOMPSONS ALL ZEROED IN ON THE JAP WHEN HE FLASHED OVER WITH HIS GUNS KNOCKING CHUNKS OFFA ME/
BAROOOM!
BUDDA BUDDA!
BAM!
RATATAT!
HE MADE IT/ WE COULDN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT OUR BIRD/
EVERY MAN IN THE COMPANY PUT A BULLET INTO THAT JAP, SERGEANT/ AS YOU CAN TELL WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK ALIVE AND SAFE/
THANKS, CAPTAIN... AND THANKS TO ALL THE REST OF YOU ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNERS/
END

BEGINNINGS OF MILITARY AVIATION

In 1908 the United States Army decided to hold a competition to award a contract for a heavier-than-air flying machine. It reserved the right to pay the designer $25,000 provided the machine met certain specifications. Which incidently were above and beyond anything thought remotely possible. One was that the aircraft's speed must hold a continuous 40 miles per hour and fly a distance of 100 miles!

The Wright Brothers were the only applicants to submit a complete machine and fulfill the requirements. In the official test the Wright plane flew slightly faster than the specified speed. And covered the maximum distance of its fuel load which was a total of 125 miles. The entire trial was conducted without any serious mishap.

This test, purposely carried out over Washington, D.C., where all could see for themselves created much more of a sensation than did the Kitty hawk flight five years earlier. In fact the press could hardly find sufficient adjectives to describe this new tool of war. Enthusiasm was dampened greatly a few days later by an untimely and tragic accident. When Oriville Wright, with Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge as co-pilot, were taking off from Fort Myer. The officer entangled his propeller with a guy wire. Causing the plane to fall to earth. With the result that Selfridge became the first airplane fatality and Wright was severely injured.

The year 1909 also marked the beginning of aeronautics in Russia. It was started primarily as a sport A private school, located in Moscow was operated by a civilian named Moslenicoff. It was soon taken over by the government and known from then on as the Moscow Imperial Aeronautic Association's Aviation School. Later another school was organized at Odessa. And at each army maneuver held after this, officer graduates were invited to show their piloting skill. Any proven ability was recognized by promotion.

The training became so popular with the army that a third government flying school was established at Sebastapol. The honor graduates of earlier classes of the Imperial School, Captain Ulianin and Lieutenants Rudneff, Piotrovsky and Matsievitch were placed in charge.

The specifications set by the United States Army in 1908 for testing aircraft formed the standard by which the rest of the military world judged the value of planes until 1910. The French then organized what was called the French Military Competition. Which was originated to further the refinement and betterment of design of airplanes in that country. The conditions to be met by the competing aircraft and the prizes to be awarded the winners were based on the following requirements:

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The machine turning in the best performance would be bought by the Ministry of War for the sum of 100,000 francs. And the manufacturer given an order for 10 additionol machines of identical design at 40,000 francs each. An extra bonus of 500 francs would be allowed for each mile an hour reached above the 37.3 minimum. Eight planes passes the test. The winner being a pilot named Weyman, flying a Nieuport monoplane with a Gnome motor. He had an average speed of 73 miles per hour. And so, military aviation was on its way.

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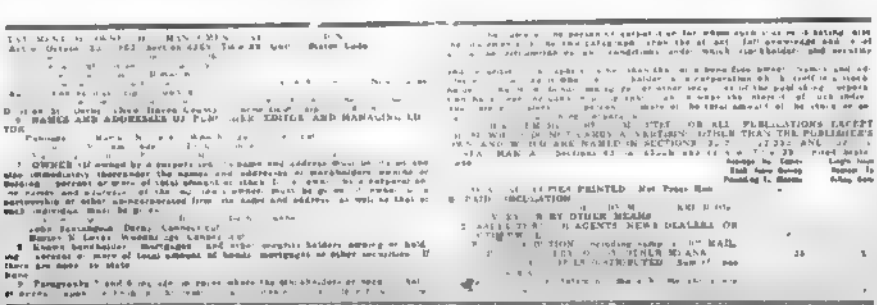

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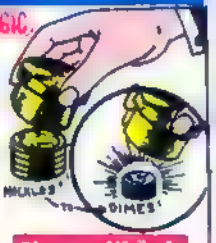

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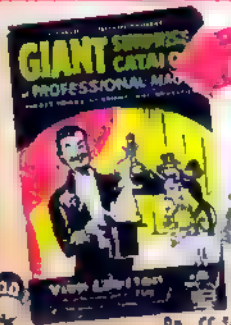

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LOGROLLER TWO FROM LOGROLLER LEADER/ CONFIRM THIS VICTORY, WILL YOU? FOCKE-WULF 190 IS A FLAMER, PILOT PARACHUTING TO SAFETY/

LOGROLLER LEADER, FROM LOGROLLER TWO/ ROGER, I CONFIRM, I SEE THE FW 190 GOING DOWN, CONFIRM PARACHUTE, OVER AND OUT/

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THERE...MY SECOND "VICTIM" FOR TODAY/ HE'S WAVING TO ME, HA...HE HAS TURNED ON HIS SMOKE DEVICE, IN ANOTHER MINUTE HE WILL JUMP/ MY, MY, HOW MY VICTORIES GROW/

THIS MAN WHOSE IDENTIFICATION CARD READ "HENRY RYAN, CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS" HAD BEEN IN ANOTHER AIR FORCE IN 1939 WHEN THE SECOND WORLD WAR BEGAN/ HE'D BEEN A STUKA PILOT...IN THE LUFTWAFFE, A DIE-HARD MEMBER OF THE NAZI PARTY/

"YOU ARE OUR LEADING ACE ALREADY, REINHARDT/

AS OUR BELOVED LEADER HAS SAID, WE WILL CONQUER THE WORLD, MOLD THE INFERIOR RACES TO OUR WILL OR WIPE THEM OUT/

AS A STUKA PILOT, REINHARDT WAS A TERROR TO THE ENEMY... ESPECIALLY THE CIVILIAN REFUGEES WHO FLED DOWN THE HIGHWAYS/ HE ROARED LOW ABOVE THEM, HIS SCREAMING AIRCRAFT STRIKING TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HIS BULLETS AND BOMBS KILLING HUNDREDS/

VROOOM!

RATATATAT!

PERSONALLY DECORATED BY HIS BELOVED FUEHRER, REINHARDT BASKED IN THE ADULATION OF THE BERLIN MILITARISTS AND THEIR WOMEN/

ACH, LIEBCHEN, YOU ARE TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH WAR/ WE WOMEN OF THE THIRD REICH DESERVE YOUR ATTENTION TOO/

JAH, HERR DIREKTOR?

I REQUIRE BUT A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, HEINRICH/

THIS MAN STRUCK TERROR IN THE HEART OF HEINRICH REINHARDT...FOR HE DIRECTED THE OPERATIONS OF SPIES, SABOTEURS, AND ASSASSINS EMPLOYED ALL OVER THE WORLD BY THE THIRD REICH/

IN WHAT WAY MAY I SERVE YOU, HERR DIREKTOR?

YOU SHOULD REPHRASE YOUR QUESTION, HEINRICH/

ASK INSTEAD IN WHAT OTHER WAYS YOU MIGHT SERVE DER FUEHRER/ I WILL TELL YOU/

I WISH YOU TO BECOME AN ENEMY FIGHTING AGAINST THE GERMAN PEOPLE/ I WISH YOU TO JOIN THE AMERICAN AIR FORCES/ I DESIRE THAT YOU SHOULD BECOME EVEN MORE FAMOUS AS AN AMERICAN ACE THAN YOU ARE NOW IN THE LUFTWAFFE/

SIR, ARE YOU MAD?

NEVER/ I WOULD NEVER DESERT GERMANY OR ADOLF HITLER/

WELL SAID, HEINRICH, BELOVED WARRIOR...BUT HERR DIREKTOR SCHMEISS HAS A PLAN AND IT WOULD PLEASE ME IF YOU LISTENED AND THEN CONSENTED TO TAKE PART IN IT/

WHATEVER YOU SAY I WILL DO GLADLY, SIRE/

EXCELLENT/ NOW... ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT BECAUSE TOMORROW YOU BELONG TO ME/

IN NINE DAYS, THE PLAN WAS BEGUN/ U-127 WAS WESTWARD BOUND WITH EX-LUFTWAFFE ACE HEINRICH REINHARDT ABOARD/

WE WILL ATTACK NO SHIPPING UNTIL WE HAVE LANDED YOU ON THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY, HEINRICH/

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FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE

I HATE THE THOUGHT OF LIVING AMONGST THOSE DECADENT AMERICANS/ PFAAHH/ EVEN THEIR CIGARETTES ARE PUTRID/

I DO NOT ENVY YOU/ WHAT IS YOUR NEW NAME? AH... HENRY RYAN/ NO, MR. RYAN, I DO NOT ENVY THE DUTY IMPOSED ON YOU BY OUR BELOVED COUNTRY/

IT WAS FEBRUARY, 1942, AND THE JERSEY BEACHES WERE ABANDONED AS THE STORMY ATLANTIC POUNDED THE SHORE/ ON A DARK, DARK NIGHT, THE U-BOAT CREPT IN CLOSE TO SHORE AND A RUBBER BOAT WAS INFLATED AND LAUNCHED...

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YOU FOOL, I GOT MY FEET WET IN THAT WAVE/

RETURN TO YOUR U-BOAT, FOOLS/ THE INCOMING TIDE WILL ERADICATE YOUR TRACKS IN THE SAND/ GO/

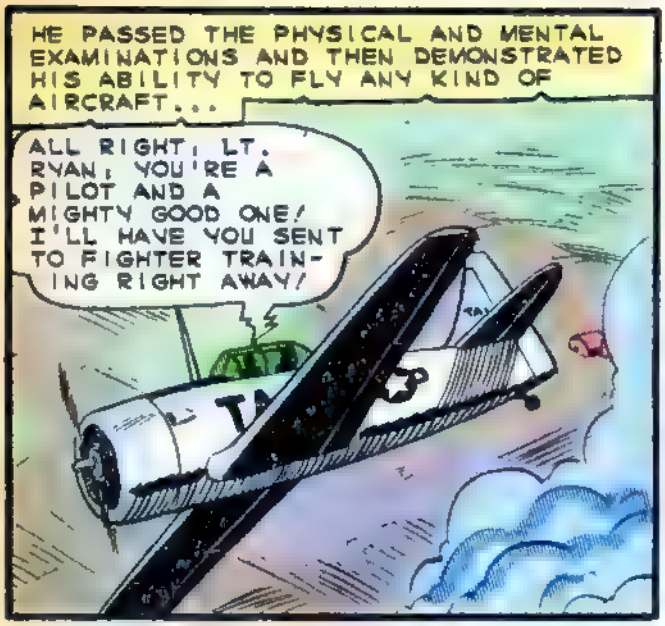
THERE WERE AGENTS IN NEW JERSEY WHO WERE WATCHING FOR HIM AND WHO HELPED HIM ALONG THE WAY/

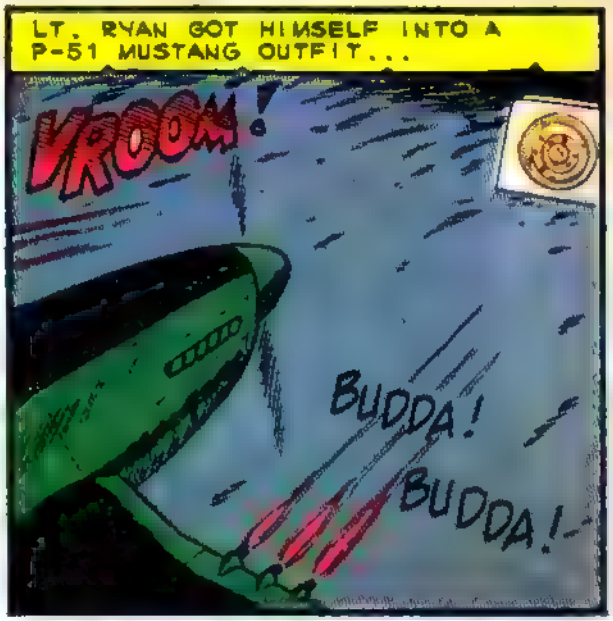
IN THIS BUILDING, YOU'VE BEEN COACHED, YOU HAVE THE PAPERS, YOU SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE/

AIR FORCE

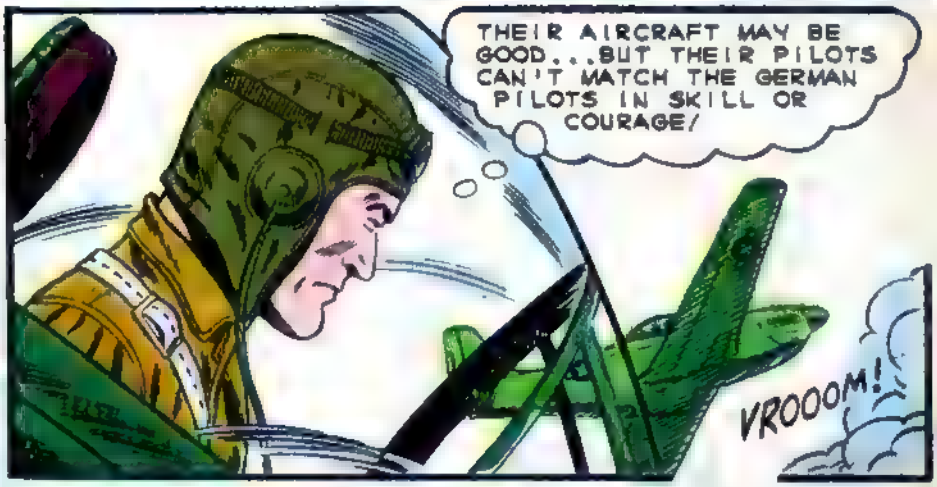
AND SO...

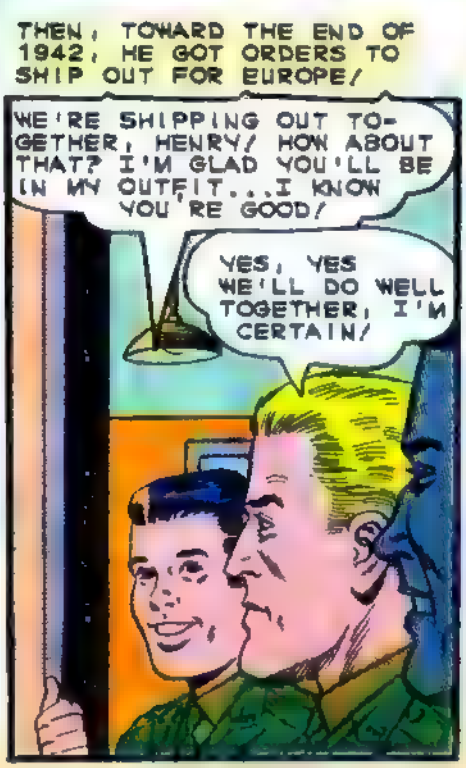
...AND I SOLEMNLY SWEAR...

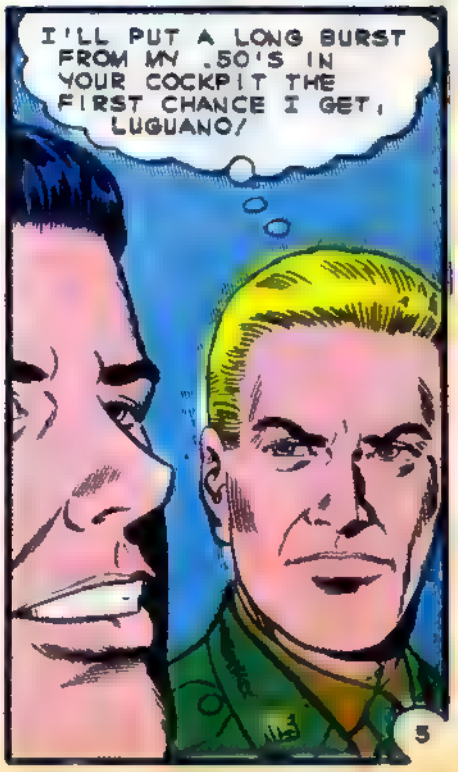

HE PASSED THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND THEN DEMONSTRATED HIS ABILITY TO FLY ANY KIND OF AIRCRAFT...
ALL RIGHT, LT. RYAN, YOU'RE A PILOT AND A MIGHTY GOOD ONE! I'LL HAVE YOU SENT TO FIGHTER TRAINING RIGHT AWAY!


LT. RYAN GOT HIMSELF INTO A P-51 MUSTANG OUTFIT...
VROOM!
BUDDA!
BUDDA!

THIS IS AS GOOD AS ANY FIGHTER WE HAVE IN THE LUFTWAFFE, EVEN THE NEW FOCKE-WULF FIGHTER!


THEIR AIRCRAFT MAY BE GOOD...BUT THEIR PILOTS CAN'T MATCH THE GERMAN PILOTS IN SKILL OR COURAGE!
VROOOM!


THEN, TOWARD THE END OF 1942, HE GOT ORDERS TO SHIP OUT FOR EUROPE!
WE'RE SHIPPING OUT TOGETHER, HENRY! HOW ABOUT THAT? I'M GLAD YOU'LL BE IN MY OUTFIT...I KNOW YOU'RE GOOD!
YES, YES WE'LL DO WELL TOGETHER, I'M CERTAIN!


I'LL PUT A LONG BURST FROM MY .50'S IN YOUR COCKPIT THE FIRST CHANCE I GET, LUGUANO!

THERE WAS A PLACE TO GO WHERE HE'D BE CONTACTED...AND HE WENT THERE SEEKING ADDITIONAL ORDERS/

...WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN LONDON/ HOWEVER, YOUR MISSION WILL BE TO AMASS AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF VICTORIES IN THE AIR/ YOU WILL NOT ACTUALLY DESTROY ANY GERMAN PLANES OR PILOTS, NATURALLY/

THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SABOTAGE WILL BE UNLIMITED/ YOU CAN BOMB OR STRAFE BRITISH TARGETS QUITE EASILY...AND DESTROY AMERICAN PLANES IN THE AIR WITHOUT DIFFICULTY/

YES...OF COURSE/ I CAN COMMIT MURDER QUITE EASILY/

DON'T TALK LIKE A MAUDLIN FOOL, HENRICH/

BY THE TIME HIS OUTFIT WAS SET UP AT AN ENGLISH FIGHTER BASE, RYAN HAD A CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION, AND HAD CONTACTED THE AGENT IN LONDON...

YOUR FIRST MISSION WILL BE A STRIKE AGAINST GERMAN TROOPS AT NIGHT, CAPTAIN RYAN/ YOU WILL TAKE OFF JUST AT SUNDOWN TOMORROW/

REALLY? IT HASN'T BEEN ANNOUNCED YET/

YOU WILL NOT DROP BOMBS OR BURN YOUR AMMUNITION THERE/ GET LOST FROM YOUR FLIGHT AND BOMB THE RAILROAD YARDS AT WILDING-BLOSS/ THEN, STRAFE THE TROOP CONCENTRATION EAST OF LONDON/

CAPTAIN RYAN LED HIS FLIGHT IN ON THE TARGET... TRYING TO TAKE THEM OVER THE WRONG AREA...

YOU'RE OFF COURSE, SKIPPER/ THE TARGET'S MORE THAN TWO MILES WEST OF HERE/

VROOOM!

THAT'S SOMERSTEIN... A REALLY BAD TYPE AND A WISE GUY/ I'D BETTER GRAB MY CHANCE TO GET LOST FROM THE OTHERS/

WHERE'S THE CAPTAIN GOING?

VROOOM!

HE CAME ALONE AT 400 MPH ACROSS THE TARGET/ THERE WAS NO WARNING FOR THE LUCKLESS TRAIN CREWS AND SENTRIES IN THE VAST RAILROAD YARDS...

BAROOM!

A SENTRY GOT A SEARCHLIGHT ONTO HIM AS HE RIPPED ACROSS THE TROOP ENCAMPMENT/

BLIMEY, IT'S AN AMERICAN PLANE/

YOU'RE OFF YER BLEEDIN' ROCKER, AIKINS/ A YANK/ WHY WOULD A YANK MACHINE GUN HIS OWN KIND?

'OW SHOULD I KNOW/ ALL I KNOW IS IT WAS A NORTH-AMERICAN FIGHTER/

HIS PAPERS WERE PERFECT, THE PLAN WAS WITHOUT FLAW...EXCEPT FOR HEINRICH REINHARDT HIMSELF...WHOSE NAZISM SHOWED THROUGH FROM TIME TO TIME!

CAPTAIN RYAN, SOMETIMES YOUR ATITUDE TOWARD AFRICANS AND ORIENTALS SEEMS TO INDICATE A SHOCKING INTOLERANCE TOWARD ANYONE NOT OF YOUR OWN COLOR AND BELIEFS!

LT. SOMERSTEIN, I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT YOU EITHER! NOW, GO FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO SIT...I DON'T WANT YOU AROUND ME!

HE'S TENSE, LARRY, DON'T MIND HIM! HE GOT TWO CONFIRMED AIR KILLS TODAY! HE'S GOT SIX ALREADY...OUR LEADING ACE!

CAPTAIN RYAN'S PLANS WENT WITHOUT A HITCH! HE GOT HIS FAKE VICTORIES IN THE AIR AND STRAFED AND BOMBED AMERICAN AND BRITISH INSTALLATIONS SECRETLY WHENEVER HE GOT THE CHANCE! HE EVEN MACHINE-GUNNED A CRIPPLED AMERICAN BOMBER...

HE'S DONE FOR NOW!

BUDDA! BUDDA!

DONE FOR, YES! DYING...YES! BUT THE PILOT OF THE B-25 MITCHELL HAD ENOUGH LIFE LEFT TO BROADCAST ONE LAST MESSAGE...A WARNING!

THIS IS CAPTAIN HARRY WARREN, CALL SIGN TINKLEBELL FOUR! AN AMERICAN FIGHTER, A P-51 MUSTANG, HAS MACHINE-GUNNED MY AIRCRAFT REPEATEDLY! WE'RE GOING DOWN...BUT **THE MUSTANG DID IT!** I DIDN'T GET HIS NUMBER!

THE FOOL! I THOUGHT THE PILOT WAS DEAD ALREADY!

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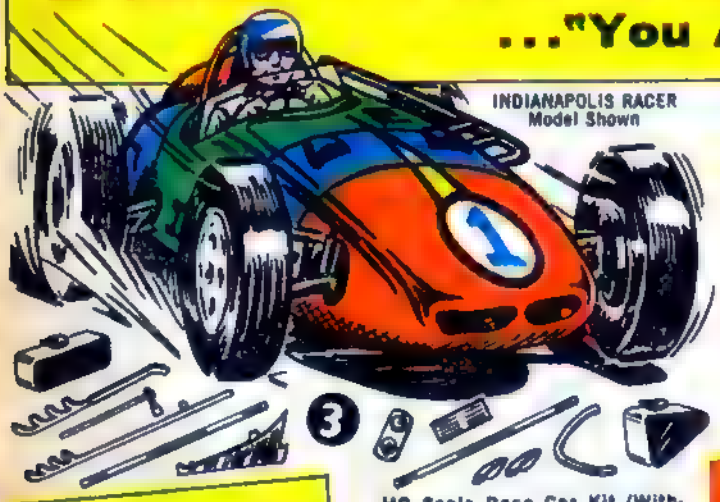

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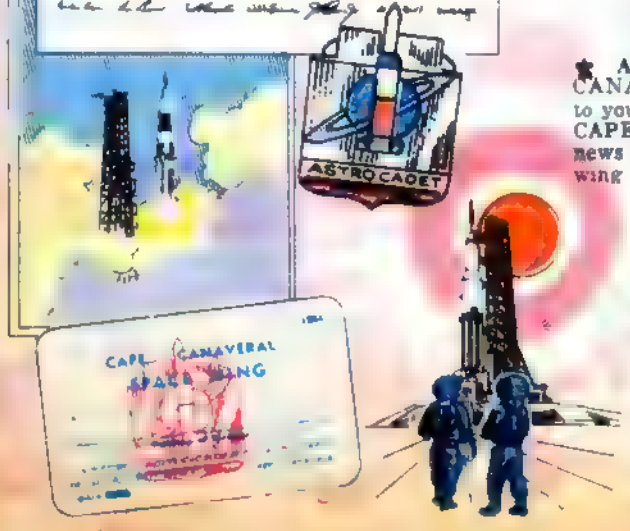

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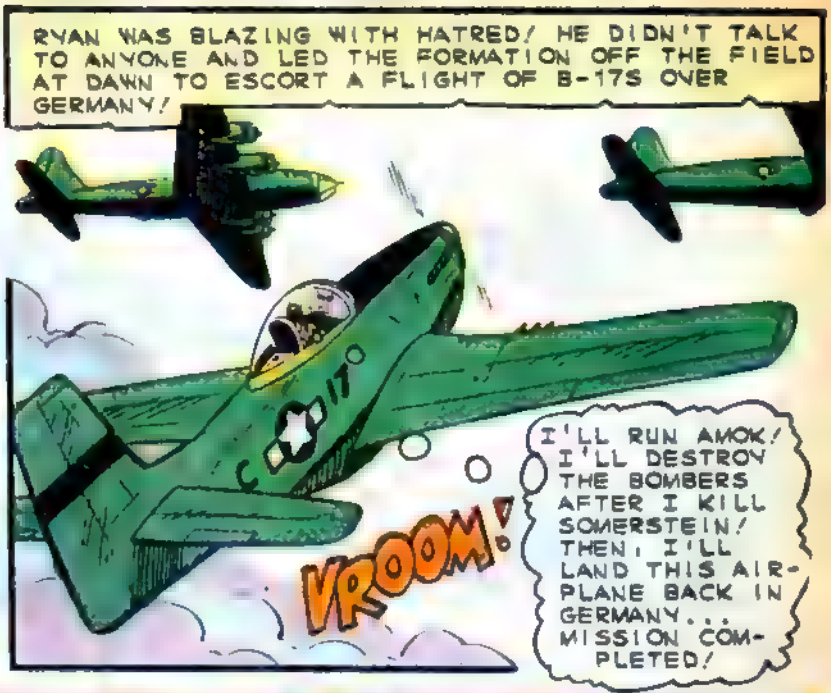
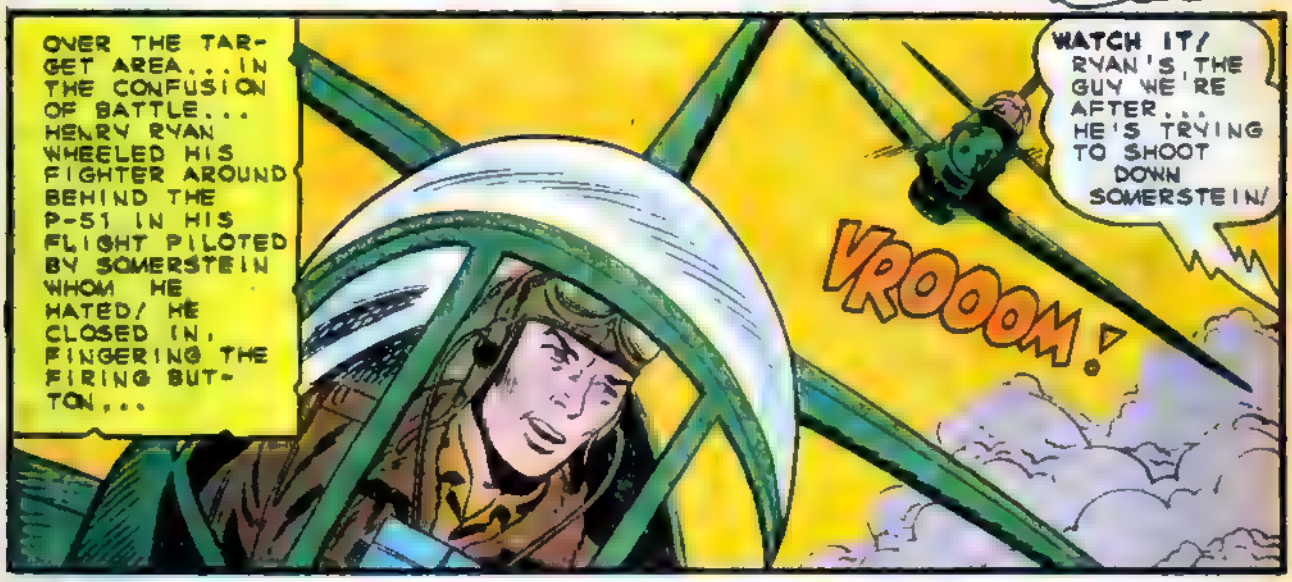
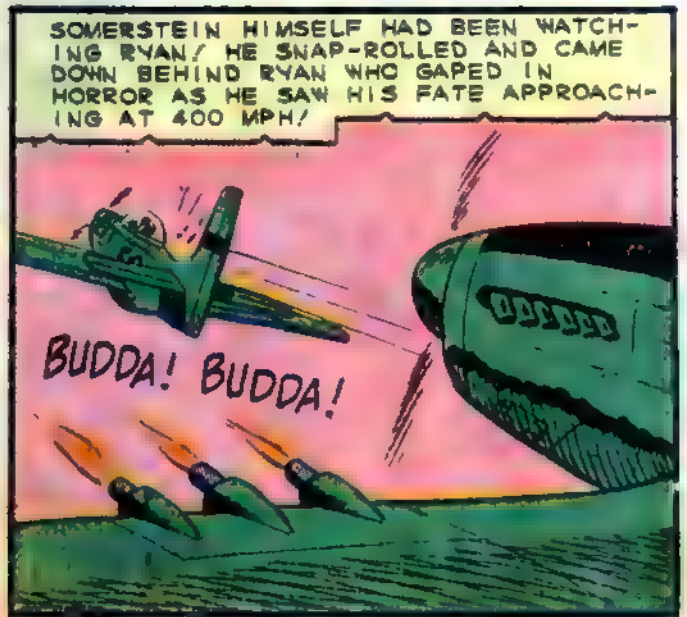
WE'RE GOING DOWN...THE MUSTANG DID IT/ I DIDN'T GET HIS NUMBER, BUT HE'S A FLIGHT LEADER; I SAW THE STRIPED TAIL/
A FLIGHT LEADER?
WHERE'S OUR FLIGHT LEADER ANYHOW, LARRY?
I DON'T KNOW, TOMMY/ I WAS WONDERING MYSELF/
AT THE FIELD, THEY FOUND CAPT. RYAN'S SHIP ALREADY THERE/
...AND HIS AMMO BELTS ARE EMPTY AS USUAL/ HOW COME THE CAPTAIN ALWAYS FINDS A TARGET WHEN THE REST OF YOU COME BACK WITH FULL BELTS?
...LOST US AGAIN/ AND YOUR ORDINANCE SERGEANT TELLS US YOU BURNED UP YOUR AMMO AGAIN/
DON'T CROSS QUESTION ME, SOMERSTEIN/ I DON'T STAND FOR THAT EVEN FROM MY FRIENDS...
I SEE, CAPTAIN/ YOU DON'T LIKE ME EITHER/
NOW, YOU GET THE MESSAGE/
LARRY SOMERSTEIN HAD EXPECTED RYAN TO SWING WITHOUT WARNING/ SO HE PARRIED THE PUNCH AND BLASTED RYAN HARD WHERE IT HURT/
THUD!

FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE


RYAN WAS BLAZING WITH HATRED/ HE DIDN'T TALK TO ANYONE AND LED THE FORMATION OFF THE FIELD AT DAWN TO ESCORT A FLIGHT OF B-17S OVER GERMANY/
VROOM!
I'LL RUN AMOK/ I'LL DESTROY THE BOMBERS AFTER I KILL SOMERSTEIN/ THEN, I'LL LAND THIS AIRPLANE BACK IN GERMANY... MISSION COMPLETED/


OVER THE TARGET AREA...IN THE CONFUSION OF BATTLE... HENRY RYAN WHEELED HIS FIGHTER AROUND BEHIND THE P-51 IN HIS FLIGHT PILOTED BY SOMERSTEIN WHOM HE HATED/ HE CLOSED IN, FINGERING THE FIRING BUTTON...
WATCH IT/ RYAN'S, THE GUY WE'RE AFTER... HE'S TRYING TO SHOOT DOWN SOMERSTEIN/
VROOOM!


SOMERSTEIN HIMSELF HAD BEEN WATCHING RYAN/ HE SNAP-ROLLED AND CAME DOWN BEHIND RYAN WHO GAPED IN HORROR AS HE SAW HIS FATE APPROACHING AT 400 MPH/
BUDDA! BUDDA!

HE DIDN'T GET CLEAR OF THE P-51...BUT HEINRICH REINHARDT MADE IT BACK TO GERMAN SOIL...
HE DIDN'T GET CLEAR... HE RODE IT ALL THE WAY DOWN/
END

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PLEASE, GENTLEMEN, THE DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE CEREMONIES THREE DAYS FROM NOW/ LAND YOUR AIRCRAFT/

OF COURSE/ AT ONCE/

AFTER ME, IVAN/

NO LANDING INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN/ ON THE GROUND, IN THE CONTROL TOWER, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE HALTED THE TECHNICIAN BEFORE HE COULD ISSUE PRECEDENCE TO ONE OVER THE OTHER/

I WILL LAND FIRST OF COURSE, YANK/

LET THEM COME IN AS THEY CHOOSE, ROBERTO/

THE RUSSIAN WAS IN THE LANDING PATTERN, ARROGANTLY ASSUMING THAT HE WOULD LAND FIRST/ HE POPPED HIS GEAR AND FLAPS...

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YOU SEE, ROBERTO/ THE RUSSIAN WAS CERTAIN OF VICTORY...BUT OUR NORTH AMERICAN NEIGHBOR CAME THROUGH IN THE FINAL MOMENT/

MAJOR HOLTON WAS A LITTLE ASHAMED OF HIS PART IN THE INCIDENT...

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE, CAPTAIN/ I ABUSED YOUR HOSPITALITY BY INDULGING IN THE CHILDISHNESS JUST NOW/

YOU WERE PROVOKED, MAJOR HOLTON/ AND YOU WON THE HONORS OF THE DAY/

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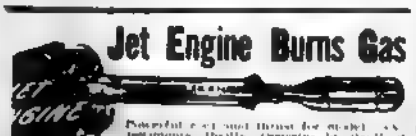

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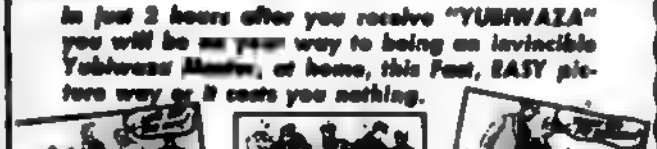

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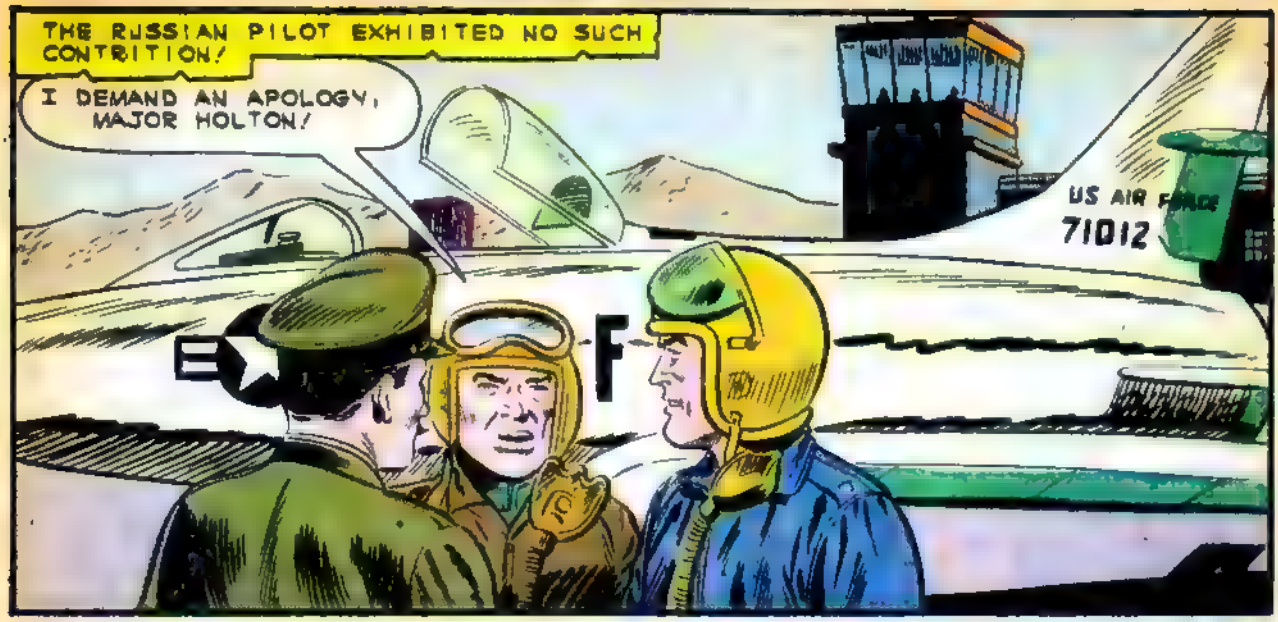
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I DEMAND AN APOLOGY, MAJOR HOLTON!
US AIR FORCE
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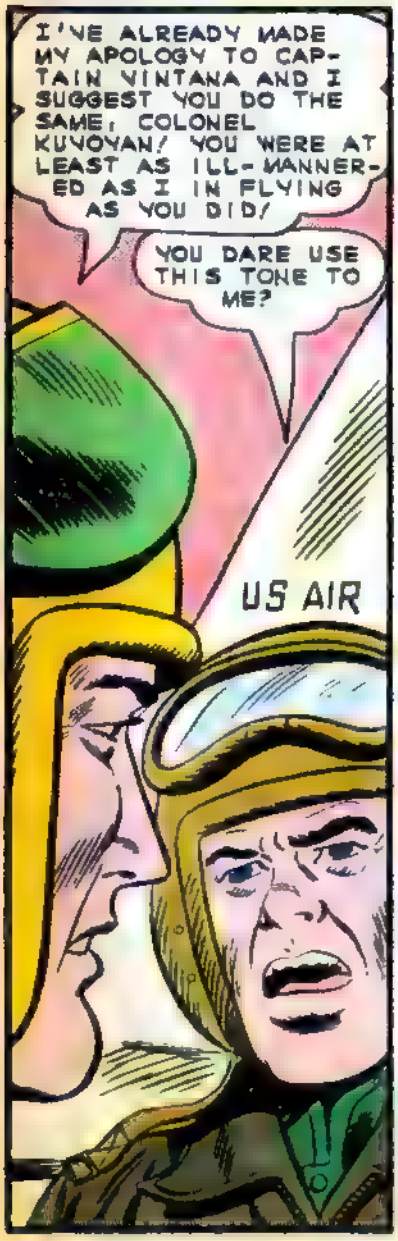
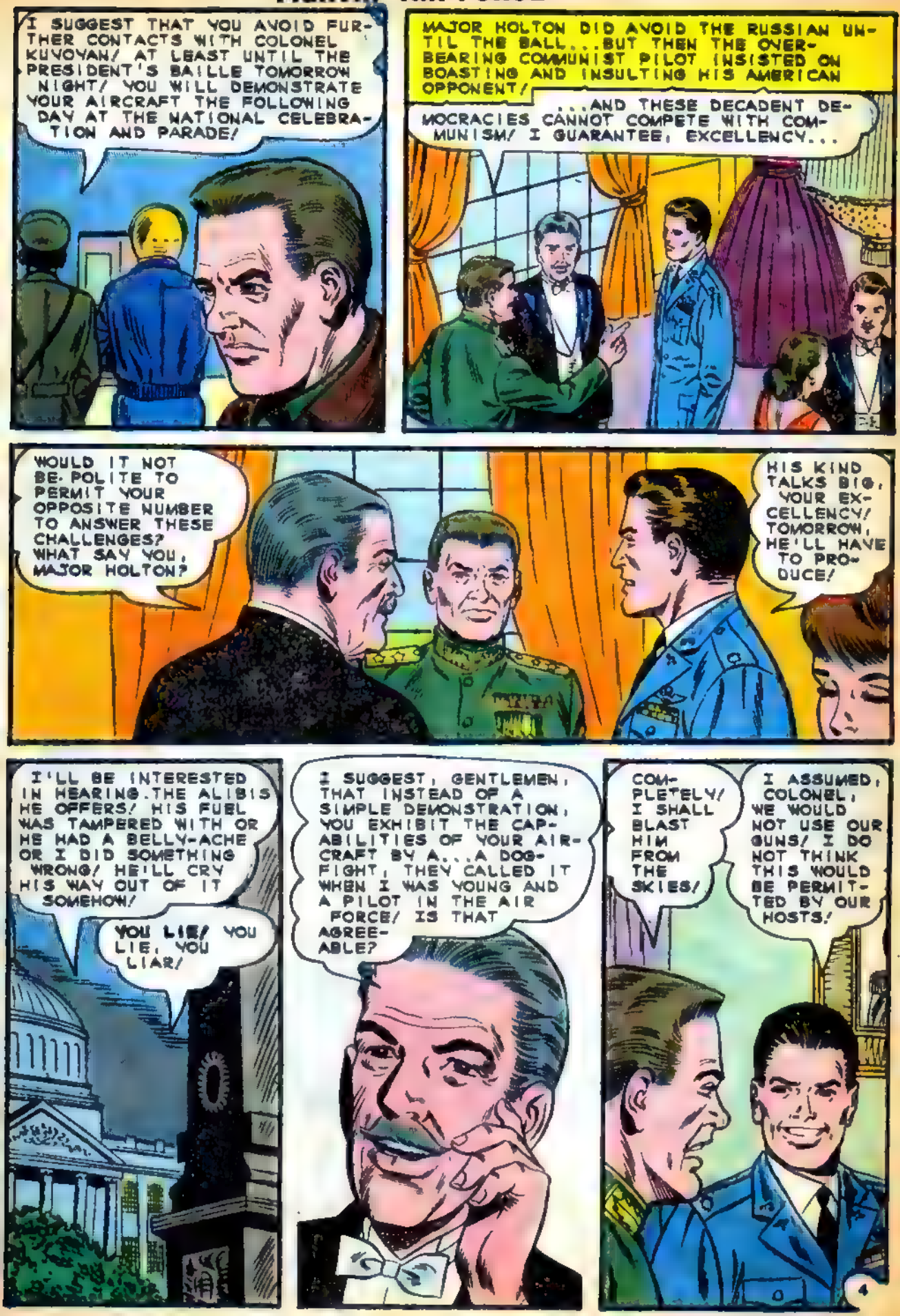
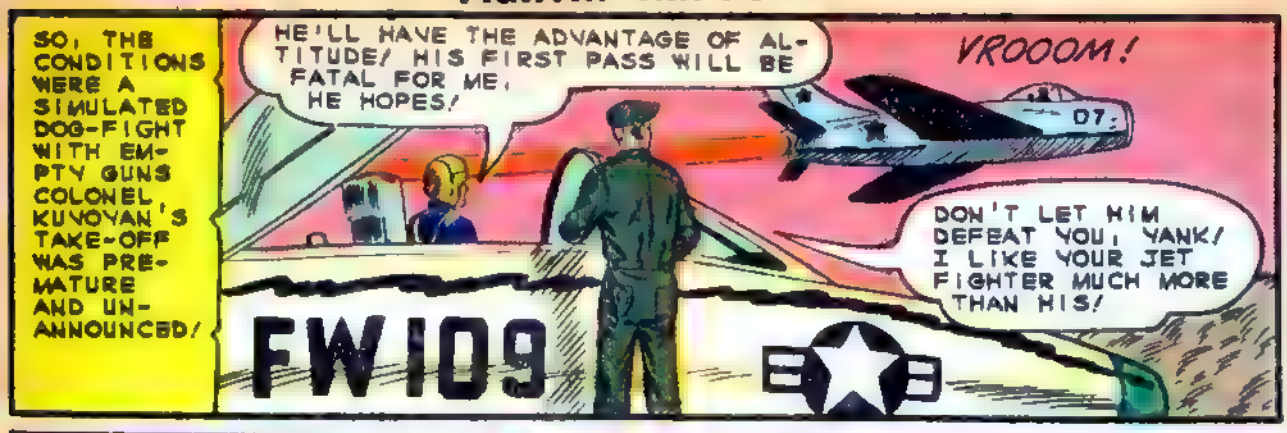

I'VE ALREADY MADE MY APOLOGY TO CAPTAIN VINTANA AND I SUGGEST YOU DO THE SAME, COLONEL KUVOYAN! YOU WERE AT LEAST AS ILL-MANNERED AS I IN FLYING AS YOU DID!
YOU DARE USE THIS TONE TO ME?
US AIR

WHY NOT? YOU DON'T SCARE ME, YOU WINDBAG!

THE REMARK WAS MADE IN A LOW TONE EVEN CAPTAIN VINTANA DIDN'T HEAR! THE COMMIE COLONEL DID, THOUGH...AND HE SWUNG SAVAGELY...
I WILL SMASH YOU!

YEOOOW!


I SUGGEST THAT YOU AVOID FURTHER CONTACTS WITH COLONEL KUVOYAN/ AT LEAST UNTIL THE PRESIDENT'S BAILLE TOMORROW NIGHT/ YOU WILL DEMONSTRATE YOUR AIRCRAFT THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION AND PARADE/
MAJOR HOLTON DID AVOID THE RUSSIAN UNTIL THE BALL...BUT THEN THE OVERBEARING COMMUNIST PILOT INSISTED ON BOASTING AND INSULTING HIS AMERICAN OPPONENT/
...AND THESE DECADENT DEMOCRACIES CANNOT COMPETE WITH COMMUNISM/ I GUARANTEE, EXCELLENCY...
WOULD IT NOT BE POLITE TO PERMIT YOUR OPPOSITE NUMBER TO ANSWER THESE CHALLENGES? WHAT SAY YOU, MAJOR HOLTON?
HIS KIND TALKS BIG, YOUR EXCELLENCY/ TOMORROW, HE'LL HAVE TO PRODUCE/
I'LL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING THE ALIBIS HE OFFERS/ HIS FUEL WAS TAMPERED WITH OR HE HAD A BELLY-ACHE OR I DID SOMETHING WRONG/ HE'LL CRY HIS WAY OUT OF IT SOMEHOW/
YOU LIE/ YOU LIE, YOU LIAR/
I SUGGEST, GENTLEMEN, THAT INSTEAD OF A SIMPLE DEMONSTRATION, YOU EXHIBIT THE CAPABILITIES OF YOUR AIRCRAFT BY A...A DOGFIGHT, THEY CALLED IT WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND A PILOT IN THE AIR FORCE/ IS THAT AGREEABLE?
COMPLETELY/ I SHALL BLAST HIM FROM THE SKIES/
I ASSUMED, COLONEL, WE WOULD NOT USE OUR GUNS/ I DO NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE PERMITTED BY OUR HOSTS/


SO, THE CONDITIONS WERE A SIMULATED DOG-FIGHT WITH EMPTY GUNS COLONEL KUVOVAN'S TAKE-OFF WAS PREMATURE AND UNANNOUNCED!
HE'LL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ALTITUDE! HIS FIRST PASS WILL BE FATAL FOR ME, HE HOPES!
VROOOM!
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DON'T LET HIM DEFEAT YOU, YANK! I LIKE YOUR JET FIGHTER MUCH MORE THAN HIS!
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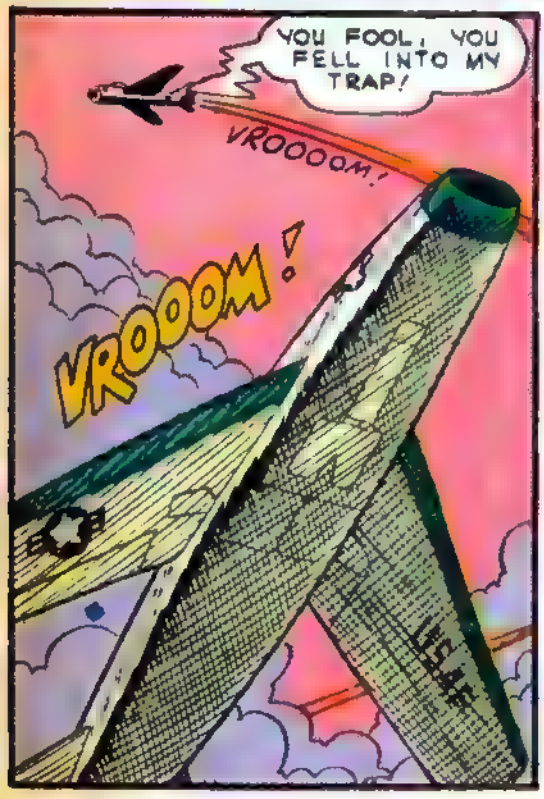
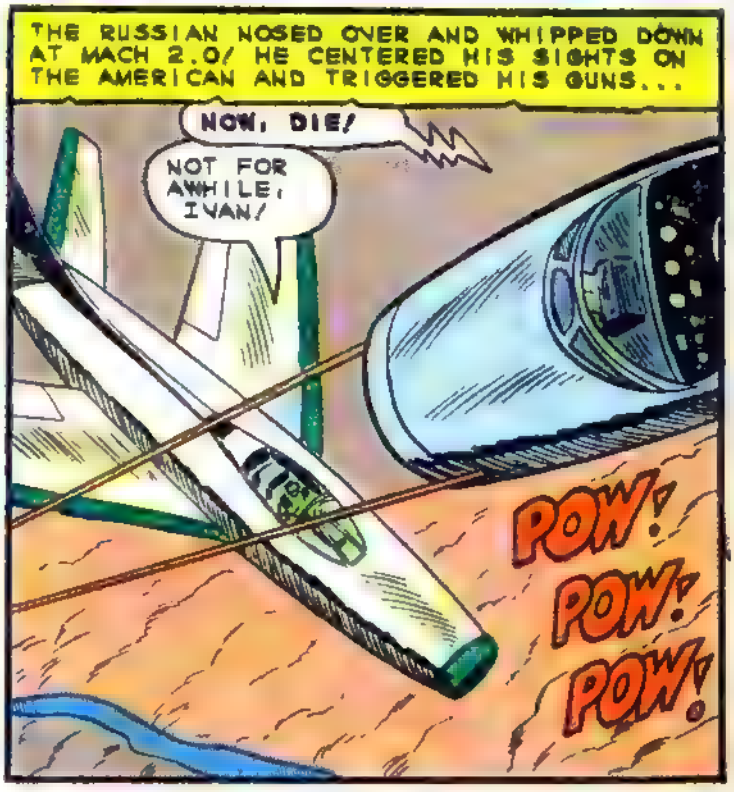

YOU FOOL, YOU FELL INTO MY TRAP!
VROOOOM!
VROOOM!


THE RUSSIAN NOSED OVER AND WHIPPED DOWN AT MACH 2.0! HE CENTERED HIS SIGHTS ON THE AMERICAN AND TRIGGERED HIS GUNS...
NOW, DIE!
NOT FOR AWHILE, IVAN!
POW!
POW!
POW!

THE RUSSIAN TRIED TO CORRECT HIS AIM AND MISSED EVEN WORSE! WHILE HE WAS AT THIS, MAJOR HOLTON WHIPPED HIS F-100C AROUND SHARPLY AND CAME IN BEHIND HIM AND DIRECTLY OVERHEAD!
THUD!
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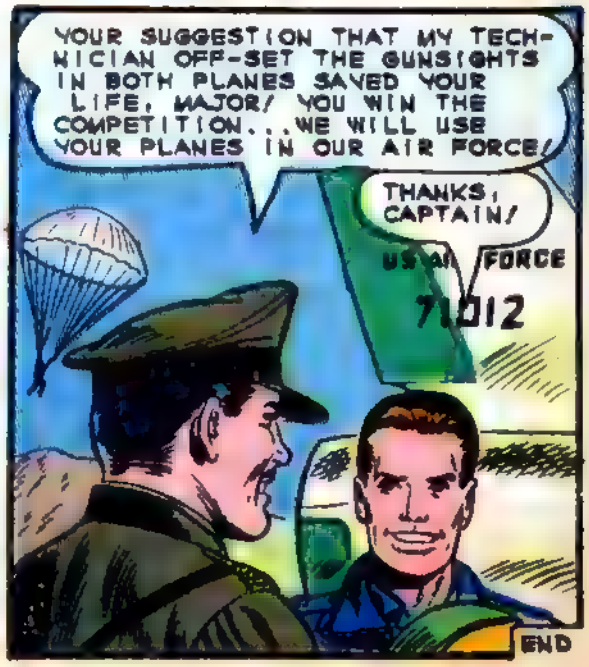
STOP! STOP OR I'LL CRASH! W-WAIT, I'LL BAIL OUT!


YOUR SUGGESTION THAT MY TECHNICIAN OFF-SET THE GUNSIGHTS IN BOTH PLANES SAVED YOUR LIFE, MAJOR! YOU WIN THE COMPETITION...WE WILL USE YOUR PLANES IN OUR AIR FORCE!
THANKS, CAPTAIN!
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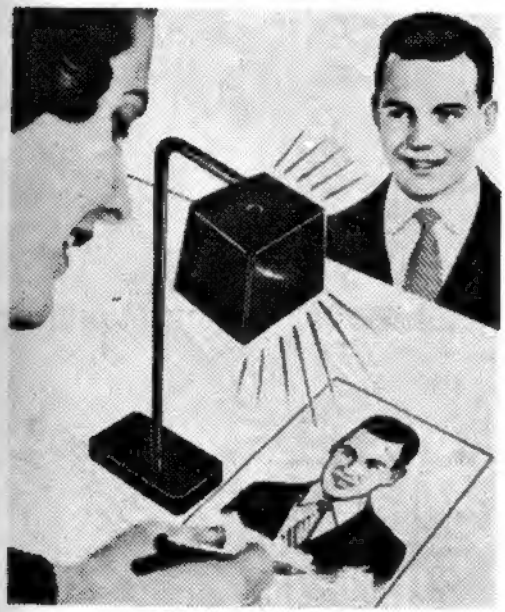

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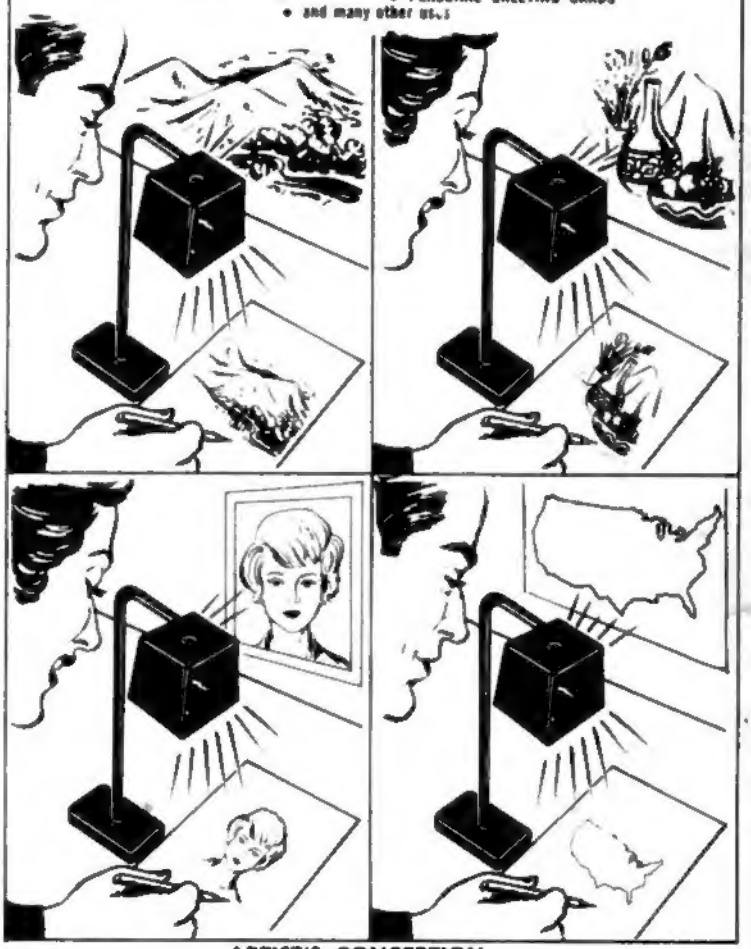

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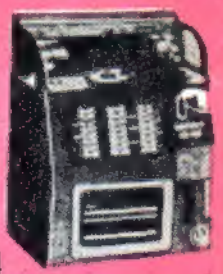

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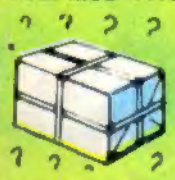

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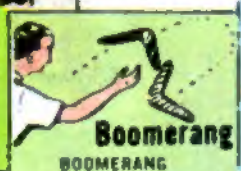

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